

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1.(currently amended) A system ~~(+00)~~ for distributing a content ~~(+01)~~, the system comprising:

a receiver ~~(+02)~~ for receiving the content ~~(+01)~~, the receiver comprising:

a selector ~~(+04)~~ for selecting a distributor ~~(+03)~~ of the content ~~(+01)~~ out of a plurality of distributors;

content-requesting means ~~(+05)~~ for requesting the content ~~(+01)~~ from the distributor ~~(+03)~~ selected;

receiving means ~~(+06)~~ for receiving the content ~~(+01)~~;

identity-determining means ~~(+07)~~ for determining an identity ~~(+08)~~ associated with the content ~~(+01)~~; and

a verifier ~~(+09)~~ for verifying an availability of the content ~~(+01)~~ at the distributor ~~(+03)~~ based on the identity ~~(+08)~~ determined,

the distributor ~~(+03)~~ of the content ~~(+01)~~, comprising:

content request-receiving means ~~(+10)~~ for receiving a request for the content ~~(+01)~~; and

a dispatcher ~~(+11)~~ for dispatching the content ~~(+01)~~,

wherein the distributor ~~(+03)~~ is arranged to dispatch the content ~~(+01)~~ to the receiver ~~(+02)~~ in response to receiving a request for the content ~~(+01)~~ from the receiver ~~(+02)~~, and wherein the receiver ~~(+02)~~ is arranged to only select the distributor ~~(+03)~~ if the verifier ~~(+09)~~ verified the availability of the content ~~(+01)~~ at the distributor ~~(+03)~~.

2.(currently amended) A system-~~(100)~~ as claimed in claim 1, wherein the receiver-~~(102)~~ comprises identity-receiving means-~~(112)~~ and wherein the receiver-~~(102)~~ is arranged to determine an identity-~~(108)~~ by receiving the identity-~~(108)~~ from one out of the plurality of distributors.

3.(currently amended) A system-~~(100)~~ as claimed in claim 2,

wherein the receiver-~~(102)~~ comprises identity-requesting means-~~(113)~~, wherein the receiver-~~(102)~~ is arranged to receive the identity-~~(108)~~ after requesting the identity-~~(108)~~ of the content-~~(101)~~ from the distributor-~~(103)~~,

wherein the distributor-~~(103)~~ comprises: identity request-receiving means-~~(114)~~ for receiving a request for the identity-~~(108)~~ of the content-~~(101)~~; an identity dispatcher-~~(115)~~ for dispatching the identity-~~(108)~~, and

wherein the distributor-~~(103)~~ is arranged to dispatch the identity-~~(108)~~ to the receiver-~~(102)~~ in response to receiving a request for the identity-~~(108)~~ of the content-~~(101)~~ from the receiver-~~(102)~~.

4.(currently amended) A system-~~(100)~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein the system-~~(100)~~ comprises a further distributor-~~(116)~~, wherein the receiver-~~(102)~~ is arranged to receive a further identity-~~(124)~~ from the further distributor-~~(116)~~, wherein the verifier-~~(109)~~ comprises a comparator-~~(118)~~ for comparing the identity-~~(108)~~ associated with the content-~~(101)~~ with the further identity-~~(124)~~ received, wherein the verifier-~~(109)~~ is arranged to verify the availability of the content-~~(101)~~ at the further distributor-~~(116)~~ if the identity-~~(108)~~ equals the further identity

~~(124)~~, and wherein the receiver~~(102)~~ is arranged to only select the further distributor~~(116)~~ if the verifier~~(106)~~ verified the availability of the content~~(101)~~ at the further distributor~~(116)~~.

5.(currently amended) A system~~(100)~~ as claimed in claim 4, wherein the receiver~~(102)~~ comprises quality-determining means~~(119)~~ for determining a quality of receiving the content~~(101)~~ of the distributor~~(103)~~, and wherein the receiver~~(102)~~ is arranged to select the further distributor~~(116)~~ in dependence upon the quality determined.

6.(currently amended) A system~~(100)~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein the receiver~~(102)~~ comprises identity-deriving means~~(121)~~, and wherein the receiver~~(102)~~ is arranged to derive the identity~~(108)~~ from content~~(101)~~ received from one out of the plurality of distributors.

7.(currently amended) A system~~(100)~~ as claimed in claim 2, wherein the system~~(100)~~ comprises a further distributor~~(116)~~, wherein the further distributor~~(116)~~ comprises: verification request-receiving means~~(122)~~ for receiving a verification request~~(123)~~ for verifying availability at the further distributor~~(116)~~ of content~~(101)~~ associated with a further identity~~(124)~~, the further identity~~(124)~~ being part of the verification request~~(123)~~; and a verification result dispatcher~~(125)~~ for dispatching a verification result~~(126)~~, wherein the further distributor~~(116)~~ is arranged to, in response to receiving the verification request~~(123)~~ from the receiver~~(102)~~, the further distributor~~(116)~~ is arranged to verify availability at the further distributor~~(116)~~ of content~~(101)~~ associated with the further identity~~(124)~~ and to dispatch the verification result~~(126)~~ to the receiver~~(102)~~, and wherein the receiver~~(102)~~ is arranged to only select the further distributor~~(116)~~ after dispatching a verification

request ~~(+23)~~ to the further distributor ~~(+16)~~ and receiving a verification result ~~(+26)~~ that verifies the availability of the content ~~(+01)~~ at the further distributor ~~(+16)~~.

8.(currently amended) A receiver ~~(+02)~~ for receiving a content ~~(+01)~~, comprising:

a selector ~~(+04)~~ for selecting a distributor ~~(+03)~~ of the content ~~(+01)~~ out of a plurality of distributors;

content-requesting means ~~(+05)~~ for requesting the content ~~(+01)~~ from the distributor ~~(+03)~~ selected;

receiving means ~~(+06)~~ for receiving the content ~~(+01)~~;

identity-determining means ~~(+07)~~ for determining an identity ~~(+08)~~ associated with the content ~~(+01)~~; and

a verifier ~~(+09)~~ for verifying an availability of the content ~~(+01)~~ at the distributor ~~(+03)~~ based on the identity ~~(+08)~~ determined,

and wherein the receiver ~~(+02)~~ is arranged to only select the distributor ~~(+03)~~ if the verifier ~~(+09)~~ verified the availability of the content ~~(+01)~~ at the distributor ~~(+03)~~.

9.(currently amended) A method of distributing a content ~~(+01)~~, comprising the steps of:

selecting by a receiver, a distributor ~~(+03)~~ of the content ~~(+01)~~ out of a plurality of distributors,

requesting by the receiver, the content ~~(+01)~~ from the distributor ~~(+03)~~ selected,

dispatching the content ~~(+01)~~ to the receiver ~~(+02)~~ in response to receiving the request for the content ~~(+01)~~ from the receiver ~~(+02)~~,

receiving the content ~~(+01)~~ at the receiver ~~(+02)~~,

determining an identity ~~(108)~~ associated with the content ~~(101)~~, and
verifying an availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor ~~(103)~~ based on the
identity ~~(108)~~ determined,
and wherein, in the step of selecting, the distributor ~~(103)~~ is only selected if the
verifier ~~(409)~~ verified the availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor ~~(103)~~.

10.(currently amended) A computer program product enabling a receiver ~~(102)~~ that is part of a
system ~~(100)~~ for distributing a content ~~(101)~~ to select a distributor ~~(103)~~ of the content ~~(101)~~ out
of a plurality of distributors, to request and receive the content ~~(101)~~ from the distributor ~~(103)~~
selected, to determine an identity ~~(108)~~ associated with the content ~~(101)~~, to verify an availability
of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor ~~(103)~~ based on the identity ~~(108)~~ determined, and to only
select the distributor ~~(103)~~ after verifying the availability of the content ~~(101)~~ at the distributor
~~(103)~~.